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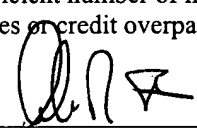
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed on March 23, 2005. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of these amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes in the Appendix.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.